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For: METHODS, SYSTEMS, AND)	
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In response to the Office Action mailed September 18, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following:

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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